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To: Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
From: Scott C. Borison
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Subject: **STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SB 69**

THIS TESTIMONY IS IN SUPPORT OF SB 69. THERE IS A NEED FOR THE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE EQUAL AND BALANCED REPRESENTATION BECAUSE THE COMMITTEE AFFECTS ALL MARYLAND RESIDENTS. SB 69 IS A LIMITED EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE CHANGES TO MEET THAT GOAL.

Equal Justice has been the topic for recent public meetings held by the Maryland Judiciary. This proposed provides support for and encourages the efforts to promote equal justice in a committee that recommends judicial policy and procedures. It does not provide any mandates to the Court of Appeals. The legislation expresses that legislature's view that the membership of any committee is inclusive and all constituencies can have a seat at the table. It is appropriate for this branch of the government communicate its support and encouragement of the judiciary's effort to promote equal justice.

FOR THESE REASONS, I ENCOURAGE THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT AND VOTE FAVORABLE ON SB 69.

Respectfully submitted,

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